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SUBJECT: ACTION REQUEST: CUBA:COUNTRY REVIEW FOR TITLE III
SUSPENSION OF LIBERTAD ACT

REF: A. SECSTATE 65523

1B. 06 ABU DHABI 4411

Classified By: Ambassador Michele J. Sison for reasons 1.4 (b & d).

11. (C) UAE maintains diplomatic relations with Cuba. The Cuban Embassy in Cairo is accredited to the UAE, and the UAE Embassy in Cairo handles diplomatic communications. According to the UAE MFA's senior Americas, Desk Officer Rowda Al-Otaiba, the Deputy Director of the Department of Middle East Affairs for the Cuban MFA and the Cuban Ambassador should be visiting the UAE in the near future.

12. (C) Embassy responses to ref A follow. Please see ref B for further information.

What is the nature of UAE investment in Cuba?

-- Post has been unable to find evidence of any UAE investments in Cuba to date.

Are there bilateral trade agreements between the UAE and Cuba?

-- There are no bilateral trade agreements to date.

Are there any exchange programs?

-- We have been unable to identify any existing exchange programs.

Has the UAE worked to promote the advancement of human rights and democracy in Cuba?

-- There is no evidence to date of UAE actions to promote human rights or democracy in Cuba.

Have there been any high level diplomatic visits between Cuba and the UAE in the last six months?

-- We are not aware of any high level diplomatic visits. The UAE MFA has informed us of the upcoming visit of Cuban officials referred to in Para 1.

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